

NAVY OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH (NAVOSH) HAZARD ABATEMENT PROGRAM OVERVIEW

GENERAL INFORMATION:

The Chief of Naval Operations sponsors a centrally managed fund to correct Safety and Health Deficiencies at Naval activities throughout the world. This money is available to abate hazards which are beyond the funding capability of any Navy shore command. To obtain funds, a command must complete a [Hazard Abatement Project Request Form](#) and submit it to the servicing Engineering Field Division or Activity. Because the Marine Corps has its own safety and health program, Marine Corps bases are not eligible for HA funds.

Normally, hazards are identified by regular activity inspections but are often found by other agencies. For example, NAVOSH Oversight Inspection Unit, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Fire Protection Engineering Surveys, Radiation Health Surveys, Industrial Hygiene Surveys, Crane Inspections, etc. Activity Safety and Health Managers are strongly encouraged to take the lead in developing HA projects with the assistance of their facilities management personnel.

Criteria for Hazard Abatement Program Projects

General Criteria:

- a) Projects must have a Risk Assessment Code (RAC) of 1, 2, or 3 per OPNAVINST 5100.23.
- b) Projects must be to correct a valid occupational safety and health (OSH) deficiency. Do not submit projects which are normal maintenance or repair or operationally required construction, e.g., new facilities required for a mission change.
- c) Minimum cost of \$25,000 (similar projects may be grouped to meet this threshold)
- d) Projects must be eligible for Operations and Maintenance, Navy (O&M,N) funds only. (No Military Construction, no Other Procurement, Navy over \$100,000)

Specific Criteria:

- a) The primary purpose of the project must be to protect personnel. Projects with a primary purpose of protecting property or material will not be accepted. (For example, fire sprinklers in a warehouse.)
- b) Hazardous material storage facilities projects are allowed. Hazardous waste storage facilities are not allowed.

c) Environmental cleanup projects are not funded by HA. Normally, this is clear but there are some projects that could be questionable and would need a case by case decision. For example, removing lead from an outdoor firing range is an environmental issue since the people operating the range are not exposed to the hazard of lead. Cleaning up an indoor range, however, could be eligible for HA funding if the goal is to decrease lead exposure to the personnel who operate, maintain, or use the range.

d) Handicap Access. Projects to provide ramps, elevators, bathroom fixtures and other needs for handicap access are not funded by HA.

ASBESTOS PROJECT CRITERIA. In addition to the criteria given above the following pertain specifically to asbestos removal projects:

a) Projects must be to remove only asbestos that presents an immediate hazard.

b) Do NOT submit projects to remove vinyl tile in good condition or that is covered over, transite board in good condition and not friable.

c) As a general rule asbestos must be friable, damaged and accessible before it will be considered for HA funding.

Project Titles

Project titles must convey as concisely as possible what the project is for and that it will correct a hazard to personnel. E.g., "Ventilation to Prevent Nitroglycerin Poisoning - Bldg. 5" or "Safe Ladder to Prevent Falls From 200 Ft. Antenna."